

### **REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-2 and 15-24 were canceled and claims 25-26 were withdrawn from consideration in the previously filed patent application serial number 09/394,958. Claims 13 and 14 are pending and claims 47-52 have now been added. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to distinguish Applicant's claimed invention from the cited reference to McEwen. McEwen is designed for the delivery of regional anesthesia and therefore administers anesthesia into a vein. Applicant's claimed invention would be dangerous to a patient if administered into a patient's vein. To the contrary, Applicant's invention is directed to the delivery of local dental anesthesia into interstitial dental tissue.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submit that all pending claims as amended, are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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